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The Gundaira Camp Yoho National Park July 15 to 29

Circulars dealing with this camp have been sent to all members, who are strongly advised to come early to get full benefit of the climbing in this region. A start will be made on climbing immediately after the camp opens.

In view of the abolition of any registration fee for this year, and the wide interest already being shown, it will greatly assist the management if members planning to attend will kindly notify the Secretary, as soon as possible, of their intention to be present.

ALPINE BROADCAST

A broadcast by the President on "The Chamonix of Canada" will be given on the Western network of the C.B.C. (Winnipeg to Vancouver) on Tuesday, June 13. The time is 9.30 to 9.45 p.m., M.S.T.; 10.30 to 10.45 p.m., C.S.T.; 8.30 to 8.45 p.m., P.S.T.

NOTES FROM SECTIONS

Vancouver Island. The members of the Vancouver Island section are able to look back on the year 1938 as one of pleasure and progress.

A good deal of time in the early part of the year was spent in the construction of a new trail to the Section cabin. The distance to the cabin has been substantially reduced by reason of this trail, making it readily accessible under any conditions.

The value of the new route has already been proved by the greatly increased use that has been made of the property, and the consequently increased amount of work that has been done in the surrounding country.

Several major improvements have been made to the Cabin itself which greatly increase its comfort.

However, we found time for a number of interesting climbs and outings in other parts of the country, among these were Mts. McDonald, McGuire, Humpback, Wark, Braden, Prevost and our old favorite Mt. Maxwell on Salt Spring Island.

We are pleased to have with us a number of enthusiastic new members from whom we expect big things in the near future.

A noticeable interest has been shown during the past winter in ski-ing, many of the members having visited Deer Park in the Olympic mountains, just across the water in the State of Washington.

The annual meeting was held on December 2 and encouraging reports were read of the work of the various committees. We had as our guest on this occasion Mr. Ferris Neave who is now fairly close to us.

After the meeting we had some very interesting motion pictures of the Columbia icefield camp, kindly loaned to us for the occasion by members of the Vancouver section.

The annual dinner was held at the Empress Hotel on March 25. Our out-of-town visitor on this occasion was Mrs. Don Munday.

After the customary addresses from Mr. A. O. Wheeler, Mr. S. H. Mitchell, greetings from the other sections and some interesting slides of the site of the 1939 camp, loaned by Mr. Wates, we adjourned to the Hotel ballroom were the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

Vancouver. The outstanding accomplishment of the Vancouver section during the past year was the completion of a new section ski cabin on Seymour mountain. While it entailed a great deal of co-operative work on the part of all members of the section it could not have been carried through so successfully but for the untiring efforts of a small group under the splendid leadership of Eric Brooks, then Chairman of the section, who supervised the contract let for the log frame and organized and led the members in the difficult task of packing up lumber, stoves and equipment of every description as well as laying floors, building partitions, etc. From Labor Day all through the Fall the work was carried on until New Year's when the practical completion of the undertaking was celebrated by a turkey dinner in the cabin has provided a warm and comfortable base for ski-mountaineering on Seymour and at the Easter week-end some ten or twelve feet of snow still remained in its vicinity, with more on the upper ridges, so that good ski-ing is likely to continue for at least another six weeks.

For a record of other activities since the last section notes were published, the following extracts have been taken from the section publication *Avalanche Echoes*, edited by Frank Smith:

The May meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Westall and the guest speaker, Mr. Rudyard Kipling of the St. John's Ambulance Association, gave a very interesting talk on the history of the Association and the work it carries on today.

Holy Cross Trip—May 14-15, 1938: Under the genial leadership of Bill Wheatley, fourteen members had a very successful trip. This is the third visit of the Club to Holy Cross and each one has been blessed with perfect weather. Camp was made by the side of Silver creek, after a delightful drive from Vancouver, and shortly after 9 p.m. everybody was tucked away in his or her particular resting place. It was quite light at 3.30 a.m. when the rousing call came and by 5 o'clock the ascent of the trail to the ridge was commenced. Good time was made to the edge of timber below the big slide. After a rest for a second breakfast, the route up the right side of the cliffs was taken, where very hard snow and ice conditions were met with, which slowed up the party. On the slopes above, snow conditions were not particularly good, alternating between very soft and very hard, so that it was nearly noon before the summit of the first peak was reached. After lunch the final scramble up the rocks to the main peak was carried out by the

whole party. This peak affords a wonderful view of the Foley-Welch group and the Border peaks, with Baker and Shuksan in the background, as well as the Fraser valley, from Hope to Yale.

Mt. Capilano—May 28-29: An attempt was made to carry out this trip under the leadership of Frank Smith, but after spending the night at the Britannia Mining Company's cabin in South Valley, Howe Sound and proceeding a short distance in a heavy downpour, the climb was abandoned, as this mountain is uninteresting except for the view obtained from its summit. Return was therefore made to the cabin, where the serious business of eating up all available supplies was indulged in.

The Annual Picnic was held on June 14 at Point Grey beach and was again blessed with fine weather, a good turnout and plenty

to eat and drink.

Ruth Mountain—June 18-19: Although only six members took part in this trip under the leadership of Eric Brooks, it was a great success. The night was spent at the Silver Fir Forest Camp near Shuksan, the cars driving to the end of Hannigan pass road early on Sunday morning. From there the trail was followed for a couple of miles, and then, crossing Ruth creek, the party struck right up the steep slope to the ridge of Ruth, which was gained in about two hours. Two hours more along rock brought them to the summit shortly before 11 a.m. Unfortunately, the clouds had rolled in but glimpses were obtained of the nearby peaks and it did not rain. The ridge is very interesting and is a veritable rock garden. A dwarf Indian Paint Brush of a deep red was noted growing in the cracks. Return was made in the afternoon in bright sunshine.

Annual Camp: The section was represented by Mr. and Mrs. Eric Brooks, Miss Fraser, Miss DesBrisay, Mr. Peckham and Mr. Cooper and in the photographic competition the Vancouver section again won the Shield for camp scenes, Mrs. Munday won the class covering ski pictures and Mrs. Spouse the class covering animal life.

Apart from camp, several members engaged in interesting climbing during the summer. Taking first place was the successful ascent of Mt. Robson by Eric and Emmie Brooks and Fred Parkes, after spending twelve days on the mountain awaiting favorable weather. Twelve hours to the summit from the bivouac and thirteen hours back to it under very adverse blizzard conditions making a thrilling story. By a trick of Fate, Len Von Zuben, who organized the expedition and did a tremendous amount of work on the mountain and also before reaching it, was denied the opportunity of making the final climb, being away on an ascent of Mt. Resplendent.

Ernie and Charlie Jenkins spent a very strenuous two weeks in Garibaldi Park in July, climbing everything in sight. They are to be congratulated on making the first ascent of Mt. Pitt, one of the higher peaks in the Park lying to the northeast.

Don and Phyl Munday did some exploration with Henry Hall to the south of Bella Coola and obtained glimpses of a new and

interesting country.

Frank and Loretto Smith spent two weeks in the Cascade range to the west of Lake Chelan and south of Glacier Peak, where there are a number of first class rock climbs between nine and ten thousand feet, easily accessible from the new camp of the Howe Sound Co. at Holden. The ascent of Mt. Fernow (9100 ft.) by an extremely interesting ridge and rock face was the highlight of the trip.

The September meeting was held at the home of Emmie and Eric Brooks and was well attended. Sketches and pictures by Miss Fry were on exhibit, as well as some of the entries in the Club photographic competition. Short talks were given by Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Munday and Messrs. Cooper, Jenkins, Von Zuben and Knight, on various climbing activities of section members, during the summer, including the annual camp, while Frank Smith showed a short colored film of the Chelan district.

The Fall climbing schedule of trips was cancelled, in order to concentrate on finishing the cabin before the ski season opened.

For the October meeting the members were guests of our Honorary Chairman, Mr. J. J. Trorey and it was recalled that twenty-nine years before, the first meeting of the Vancouver section was held in the same house. Besides Mr. Trorey, only two others present had been there on the previous occasion, but since they are ladies it may be just as well to mention no names. Mr. Trorey was warmly congratulated on his long interest in the section. Jim Pollock exhibited some very fine motion pictures, carrying voice and sound effects, something that would not have been possible twenty-nine years ago.

The Annual meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, there being a very good attendance. The retiring Chairman's report, together with those of the various committees showed the section to be in very satisfactory condition. The slate presented by the nominating committee was unanimously passed and the following are the officers for the year: Honorary Chairman, J. J. Trorey; Chairman, Mrs. Dorothy Bell; Secretary, Miss Nelly Fraser; Treasurer, Ernest Jenkins; Executive, Mrs. Amy Dalgleish, Eric Brooks, John Speer, Len Von Zuben.

Mrs. Bell, as the first Madam Chairman, received the congratulations of those present and everyone looks forward to a very successful year under her guidance.

The December meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Speer and was attended by most of the section members. Miss DesBrisay and Mr. Peckham exhibited some very fine motion pictures of the 1938 camp, also a film of one of the Victoria members.

Section members and friends were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ian Shaw for the January meeting. The speaker of the evening was Mr. William Mathews, who chose as his subject "The Origin and History of the Earth," a somewhat stupendous subject which he handled in a capable and interesting way, tossing millions of years about in a very nonchalant manner. After all it is comforting to know that the rock that descends on your head or takes the seat out of your pants has been waiting to do that very thing for countless ages. One should not begrudge it some reward for its patience.

The annual pilgrimage to Crown Mountain was carried out on January 15 by six members under the leadership of Bill Wheatley. The snow was a bit on the soft side but the top was reached at 2 p.m. with visibility nil.

Eleven members and friends, under the leadership of Dorothy North, took part in the ski trip to Strahan Peak on January 28 and 29. The ski-ing was good but a snowstorm developed in the afternoon. The February meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Martin and was well attended. Although Mr. Pop's big game pictures are internationally famous, they have to be seen to be believed. Taken with a telephoto lense in the wilds of British Columbia and not in the Park reserves, they gave an intimate picture of the haunts and habits of all varieties of big game. The Fall colorings of the Cariboo country provided a flaming background for some wonderful technicolor shots. Mr. Pop's humorous and logical comment on his pictures and big game hunting, also gave us a new angle on this very valuable asset of the Province.

Mt. Baker Ski Trip—February 11, 1939: Very bad weather conditions prevented as large a party as anticipated from starting on this trip. However, the leader, Mr. Peckham, and some ten members and friends finally reached Austin pass by Sunday noon and went through the motions, without, it is admitted very much pleasure.

Seymour Ski Trip—February 26: Poor weather conditions also prevented this trip, from the cabin to the peak of Seymour, from being a great success. However, Dave Gorrie and seven or eight enthusiasts started out from the cabin shortly after 9 a.m. and disappeared into the clouds, some getting to the top and some falling (literally) by the wayside. They say that Dave's performance in running the Roy Howard Gully straight in a heavy fog with ice blocks scattered here and there was not duplicated by any of his party.

Members and friends were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Graves for the March meeting and it was pleasant to again visit their home. Mr. Chatwin's exhibition of stills in natural colors, under the title of "The Seasons" showed what can be done in color photography by an expert. He also showed a number of hand-colored slides covering climbs in the Rockies and Selkirks which in some ways rivalled the natural color photographs, the whole selection together with his interesting comments affording those present a most interesting evening.

Silver Peak—March 26: A drive of 25 miles up the Fraser valley to Coquitlam, a launch trip for one hour up the Pitt river, a walk over a rather hazy trail for six miles and then a climb of 5000 feet made a very interesting day trip, in which 16 took part, under the leadership of Nelly Fraser. Only perfect snow and weather conditions made it possible to reach the peak, as this is an entirely new route.

The Annual Dinner took place on March 29 at Sylvia Court. Some sixty members and friends were present, including four representatives from the Victoria section. Letters of greeting were read from our President, Honorary President, Honorary Secretary and the various sections. Between toasts, camp fire songs were sung, under the leadership of Tom Fyles, while Eric Brooks rendered the world premiere of a song composed the previous Sunday entitled "Pitt River, Pitt River, Pitt River," to the tune you can easily guess, retailing the trials and tribulations of a lady guide. The guest of the evening was Miss Shackleton, sister of the late Sir Ernest Shackleton. Miss Shackleton is an artist of note and for the past two years has been commissioned by the Hudson's Bay Company to visit their northern posts and make studies of the "old timers" before they pass from the scene. Miss Shackleton is Irish and as Mrs. Bell mentioned in introducing her "has a way

with her," which kept her audience in laughter throughout her interesting talk on her flying experiences in the arctic and subarctic regions of Canada.

Section Photographic Exhibition: This took place at the Annual Dinner, the pictures having been judged previously and the following awards made: Challenge Cup, Amy Dalgleish; Class "A," Phyl Munday; Class "B," E. A. Jenkins; Class "C," Phyl Munday; Class "E," Frank Copithorne; General Class, no award.

Calgary. The first event of the 1938 season was an outing to Bow Fort, about 30 members making the trip and spending a most enjoyable day in the open. Leaving Calgary at 8.00 a.m. the party reached Bow Fort by 9.30 a.m. and made camp in a sheltered spot about a quarter of a mile from the highway. There is good rock scrambling in this district and a party of about 20 spent several hours on the cliffs of "Yam Nuska," from the top of which a magnificent view of Seebe and the Kananaskis country is obtained. Lunch was partaken on the top and Mr. S. R. Vallance displayed to the fullest extent that admirable virtue of patience in his stalking and photographing a rock-rabbit. An excellent natural color photograph was obtained, which made into a slide has been added to Mr. Vallance's beautiful collection of mountain pictures.

On July 1 a party consisting of Messrs. A. Calhoun, W. Reader, R. B. Rushworth, H. Whitred with N. Lewis as guest spent the week-end at the Fay hut. The party left the Warden's cabin at Marble canyon at 10.00 a.m. and reached the hut at 6.30 p.m. after a very strenuous hike rendered difficult owing to the bridge being out and water running too high to permit crossing at the usual places; as a consequence the party had to keep to the left bank and considerable bush work was necessary before an attempt could be made to cross the creek. The hut was found to be in very good condition with the exception of the stove which was badly rusted and nearly smoked the party out. This has, however, since been rectified. The weather was damp and mists hung heavily in the valley, however the hut and the higher slopes were clear and under the leadership of Mr. Reader an enjoyable time was spent searching for Alpine flora, many beautiful specimens being seen. With the exception of a visit from a "Porky" whose measured tread around the hut, in the wee small hours, reminded one of a policeman on his beat and a particularly inquisitive packrat, who took special delight in rattling the crockery, the party was not disturbed and despite the disadvantages of mist and damp spent a most enjoyable time.

Three members, Mme. Doris Coo, A. Coleman and Mr. Calhoun, visited the annual camp in the Columbia icefield by hiking across the unfinished gap in the Lake Louise-Jasper highway, a distance of about 35 miles.

The annual picnic was held on September 16 at the Pearce estate, through the kindness of Mrs. Pearce and Miss F. Pearce. The weather was perfect for this type of outing and the autumn foliage was at its best. Following an excellent supper the party gathered around the camp fire and a very happy time was spent singing songs and listening to stories of various expeditions and adventures at the annual camp.

The Thanksgiving holiday was spent by a large Section party at Floe lake. The cabins at the Vermilion crossing auto camp were placed at the disposal of the Section and used as headquarters from which several expeditions to the surrounding country, as well as to Floe lake, were organised and proved very enjoyable.

The Fall dinner and annual meeting was held on December 3 when Mr. S. R. Vallance entertained members and friends with a fine programme of colored slides dealing with a trip to the Hanging Glaciers and scenes round the Columbia icefields. Miss M. P. Hendrie was re-elected Chairman and H. Whitred as Secretary.

The 1939 activities opened on January 10 with a special meeting, called for the purpose of discussing new club business, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Calhoun. With 28 members present a thorough discussion of many phases of club activities was followed by refreshments served by the executive. It was with real regret that 'good-bye' was said on this occasion to one of our most active section members in the person of Mrs. Doris Coo, who is leaving to reside in White Rock, B.C. As a token of appreciation and in remembrance of many happy times spent with the section the Chairman made a presentation to Mrs. Coo of a color print by Miss B. Fry.

On February 14 the section enjoyed a pleasant skating party at the Glacier rink. Dr. and Mrs. Williams very kindly opened their house for this occasion and entertained those section members who did not wish to skate, to cards, etc., until later in the evening the skating party arrived when supper was served, concluding an exceptionally pleasant evening.

The annual banquet in celebration of the 33rd anniversary of the club was held on March 25. Miss M. P. Hendrie presided and a message from the Honorary President was read by the Secretary. A message of good will was received from the President, Mr. C. G. Wates, whose recent illness prevented him from attending to celebrate with us. Three members from Edmonton, Miss H. Burns, Miss E. Valens and W. Stauffer, drove down and we much appreciate this expression of good will from our sister section. Mr. T. B. Moffat gave a very interesting talk, illustrated with colored slides, of a trip made with Mr. Calhoun from the Vermilion river to Field, B.C. via the Ice river valley. This was particularly appropriate in view of the fact the 1939 Camp will be held in this district. Two reels of film, supplied by Mr. Max Hoffman, depicting scenes from the Swiss Alps were also enjoyed. The toast to the Club was proposed by Mr. Allan Carscallen and replied to by Miss M. P. Wylie, while that of the sister sections was proposed by Miss E. MacPhedran and replied to by Miss H. Burns of Edmonton. During the evening, musical numbers were contributed by Miss A. Wilson and Mr. R. Woolston. Of particular interest to section members was an exhibition of water color sketches of alpine scenes loaned by Miss B. Fry of New Westminster.

Edmonton. The section has suffered badly by the loss, during the past year, of a number of valuable members and associates. This and the laudible ambition of some of the members to improve their ski-ing technique under professional guidance has resulted in exceptionally low attendance at the hut and ski hills during the past winter. This was a pity, as the long winter brought splendid ski-ing conditions. As usual the section runs, due to their sheltered location, remained in perfect condition long after other local hills were bare. The annual "Skigatta" was held late in March. With four of our most enthusiastic male skiers absent, "The Skipper,"

Rex Gibson, Bob Hind and Bill Rook, the number of competitors was boosted by inviting a group of skiers from the University of Alberta. The affair was most successful, terminating in a singsong and a torchlight trail race.

Members and associates alike have missed Mr. C. G. Wates, more familiarly known as "The Skipper" from their midst this winter. The gatherings at the hut just haven't been the same without his cheery smile, his helpful suggestions, and his enthusiasm on the woodpile. At the time of going to press we have the happy assurance that he will soon be leaving hospital where he has spent the last twelve weeks.

Attendance at the Columbia icefield camp was excellent, there being seventeen in the Edmonton contingent, four of whom were new graduates. Four of our lady associates staged another of the "manless" expeditions which have become quite an annual event in the section. Their destination this year was the Tonquin and the Memorial hut. Two of the girls afterwards proceeded to Camp and graduated to active membership.

The weekly hikes were carried out during the autumn and, at the time of writing, plans are being made for the Spring and Summer hikes.

The Disaster Point hut continues to occupy the attention of the section. During the last part of August a small work party took the first steps towards making the building habitable. A group of members visited the hut on Labor Day and enjoyed the facilities for recreation to be found around the hut. A small party made the ascent of Mt. Utopia. Nothing can be more delightful than to step directly from a mountain into the warm, sapphire waters of a swimming pool which has been visible throughout the descent. The section suggests that all future camps be provided with this convenience.

It is expected that the Disaster Point hut will be completed for occupancy by mid-summer. The plans, which have been approved by the Government, provide for spacious verandahs, sleeping porches, a ladies room and kitchen. The building as it now stands will be used entirely as an assembly room. Dr. H. E. Bulyea plans to spend the greater part of June in building a stone fireplace, which he is generously donating to the hut.

During the winter the section was entertained at the homes of Prof. and Mrs. Keeping, Mr. and Mrs. Wates, and Dr. and Mrs. Bulyea. The guest of honor at the first party was Mr. J. A. Wood, new superintendent of Jasper Park. At the Bulyea's party the section was delighted to welcome Mr. G. Morris Taylor of Jasper, who gave a most interesting display of natural color slides. The Christmas party at the hut was held on December 18. The star feature was a candy pull, during which everyone got very much stuck up.

The annual Fall reunion dinner was held at the Corona Hotel early in November and was its usual informal success. Lovely color movies by Mr. Alf Blythe, delightful color slides by Dr. Bulyea and an exhibition of Club enlargements provided the entertainment. The anniversary dinner on March 31 was also held at the Corona. The Honorary President's Message was read by Miss Jean McDonald, the President's Greetings and messages from sister sections by Miss Dorothy Hartley. The Toast to the club and sister sections was proposed by Mr. W. A. McAulay and res-

ponded to by Hon. J. W. Hugill. Miss Kathleen Chapman gave a very pleasing talk on a "Back-packing Trip into the Tonquin." Miss Cora Sutter brought back pleasant memories of the Columbia icefield camp, illustrating her talk with slides. Mr. Eddie McDougall showed a very unusual film of a week-end trip to Jasper, and Miss Helen Burns spoke briefly on the attractions of the Ice river valley. Music was provided by the traditional Alpine choruses and by a solo "The Morning Wind," sung by Mrs. Margaret Gold Brine, with Miss Beatrice Crawford at the piano. The evening concluded with the presentation of the H. A. Burns Photographic Cup, the winner being Miss Jean McDonald. A feature of the evening was the sending of greetings and flowers to the President of the Club, who, at that time, was still confined to the hospital.

The annual meeting for transaction of business took the form of a dinner at the Cottage Tea Room. Dr. Bulyea was elected Chairman for the coming year, with Miss Jean McDonald as secretary and Miss Helen Burns as treasurer. The last named has since resigned, due to press of other work, and her place taken by Miss Cora Sutter. The executive consists of the above named with Rex Gibson and Bill Rook. Bill moved to Calgary later, and his place has been taken by Miss Valens. Prof. Keeping and Mr.

J. J. Shaw were elected as advisors from the associates.

New York. The 29th annual dinner of the New York section was held on December 3, 1938 at the Hotel Shelton, 49th St. and Lexington Ave., one hundred and fifty-five members and guests being present.

Owing to the unfortunate absence of the Chairman, Dr. Max Strumia, and the Secretary, Miss L. Gest, the Chairman of the nominating committee, Mr. H. Vernon, took the chair until the election of new officers, with Miss H. Smith as Secretary pro tem. The following were promptly elected: Chairman, Mr. H. J. Carlson, Secretary-Treasurer, Miss L. Gest; with an Executive of Miss C. Hinman, Miss H. Smith, Mr. C. F. Hogeboom and Mr. W. Block-Hiller.

A silent standing tribute was paid the memory of Mr. R. S. Hull who died during the year.

Excerpts from a letter from the President, Mr. C. G. Wates, in regard to certain club matters were read; letters were also received from the Honorary President, Mr. A. O. Wheeler, and others.

After a rising vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Walsh for their splendid management of the dinner the business meeting adjourned.

A delightful alpine programme followed. In the absence of Miss Gest, Mr. J. Murray showed her films "On the Columbia icefield camp," and a most beautiful showing it was. Most of the pictures were of the high camp—a little cluster of kharki tents in a vast expanse of snow, skis furnishing a rather new note. Fascinating bits of some of the ascents and delightful ski runs back to camp made a fine series.

Mr. H. Carlson next gave a most interesting talk on "North of Robson." His account was illustrated by unusually fine pictures both movie and still. The color movies of Mt. Robson from many angles were especially noteworthy.

Finally came Mr. Charles Houston's "The American Expedition to K2; the second highest mountain in the world." Here again

colored movies added tremendously to our appreciation of that valiant exploit; so vividly did they picture to us the long trek out to K2 and the all but successful ascent that it seemed almost as if we had been climbing that redoubtable peak with these hardy pioneers. Thus closed one of the most successful meetings the New York section has ever had.

Members Elected since November, 1938

GRADUATING

- L. KOLBIG, 1214 Montrose Ave., Chicago, Ill. Proposed by P. M. Purves, A. J. Snow, C. G. Wates.
- J. F. TARRANT, 613 West 23rd Ave., Calgary.
 Proposed by Miss M. C. Wylie, R. B. Rushworth, S. R. Vallance.
- MISS C. A. TARRANT, 613 West 23rd Ave., Calgary.

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SUBSCRIBING

- T. D. BUCHANAN, 1235 Fairfield St., Victoria. Proposed by C. L. Harrison, F. G. Maurice, Mrs. Maurice.
- MISS W. E. DENNISON, 602 West Hasting St., Vancouver. Proposed by J. Speer, A. J. Cooper, R. Howard.
- R. A. FRASER, 721 West 26th Ave., Vancouver.

 Proposed by F. Parkes, J. Speer, Miss E. R. Fraser.
- MISS A. H. HODGES, 235 Government St., Victoria.

 Proposed by C. L. Harrison, F. G. Maurice, Mrs. Maurice.
- R. F. LEIGHTON, 356 St. Charles St., Victoria.

 Proposed by C. L. Harrison, F. G. Maurice, Mrs. Maurice.
- MISS J. PINHORN, 1879 Forrester St., Victoria.

 Proposed by Miss B. Stonham, C. L. Harrison, F. G. Maurice.
- I. H. WILLIAMS, 310 Michigan St., Victoria. Proposed by C. L. Harrison, F. G. Maurice, Mrs. Maurice.

Obituary

We regret to record the death of Prof. A. P. Coleman, F.R.S., and Mrs. Schaffer Warren.

LIBRARY

- The following books have been added to our Library—
 "Blank on the Map." E. Shipton. Donated by Mrs. E. Parker.
 "Peaks and Valleys." F. S. Smythe. Donated by Publishers.
 - "Simpson's Athabaska Journey." Champlain Soc. Subscription.

In addition Mr. H. J. Graves has donated a bound copy of Volumes 24 and 25 of our own Journal.

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Further donations are still needed in order that this Hut may be completed this season. All donations will be duly acknowledged, and should be sent direct to the Secretary-Treasurer.

WITH THE OLD JOURNALS

Many members do not possess copies of the earlier Journals. In order to make the contents of these known, and with the hope members may wish to add these earlier numbers to their libraries, it is proposed to present the contents of various issues in the Gazette.

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REPORT OF AUDITOR

May 18th, 1939.

To the President and Members of the Alpine Club of Canada.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have completed my annual examination of your Club's books and records, and have prepared Balance Sheet and accounts of operations for the year 1938, copies of which I beg to submit herewith.

Net results for the year were slightly better than in 1937, and in my opinion the closing Balance Sheet discloses a very satisfactory financial condition.

Before providing for any depreciation on fixed assets, (but after all expenses were paid), a net income is shown for 1938 of \$997.02. This sum is \$237.22 higher than that earned in 1937, and with the exception of 1935, exceeds any figure for the past five years.

Due to increased equipment, annual depreciation charges are higher than formerly, totalling in 1938 no less than \$1,971.80 (see Ex. "B"). After deducting same, a net loss is indicated for the year of \$974.78. This loss has been transferred to Surplus Account, which, after being also charged with other adjustments totalling \$90.39 (Ex. "E"), amounted at the year's close to \$23,110.35.

Although in recent years with the exception of 1935, the Club has failed to earn sufficient to cover depreciation charges, nevertheless a substantial contribution has been made thereto each year, or new equipment purchased. The Balance Sheet at the close of 1938 divulges this fact through the existence of increasing cash reserves over and above those created for a specific purpose, besides a larger investment in fixed assets. For example, at 31st December, 1938:

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	Cash, Government Securities, other current assets and prepaid expenses total	\$9,450.41 607.90
	Current Surplus over Liabilities Deduct Specific Reserves	\$8,842.51 5,717.32
	Current Surplus over Liabilities and Reserve Funds	\$3,125.19
	Total Fixed Assets as revalued or at cost, amount to (31st December, 1938)	\$33,172.50
	Total Fixed Assets as revalued or at cost, at 31st December, 1933	29,955.97
	Increase in five years	\$3,216.53
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Thus, through its ability to more than pay its way, and conserve its resources, the club is building up a sinking fund. At the same time it is providing annually out of revenue for the cost of service to Life Members without any contribution from Life Members Reserve, (this is in order to build up an adequate Reserve in this respect), and takes credit in computing annual earnings only for membership fees actually paid during the year.

These satisfactory results have been achieved to a large extent through the successful operation of the Club House at Banff, and profitable annual camps. In 1938, as may be seen from Exhibit "B," Net Income from Club House amounted to \$652.17 and from the Camp, \$726.54. It will be therefore understood that the ordinary expenses incidental to the Club's administration are not being entirely met out of membership receipts. In the year under review, for example, the figures were:

Total Administration expenses (including Journal and Gazette)	\$3,328.98
Less Members fees, and sundry receipts	2,947.29
Deficiency	\$ 381.69

This is naturally due to the acutely depressed financial conditions of the past few years, resulting in a falling membership, despite every effort of the executive. During 1938, however, receipts from members rose, totalling \$313.10 in excess of 1937 receipts, while the actual membership increased from 501 in March, 1937 to 521 at 31st December, 1938.

Club House results, despite the annual camp being held in a district reached via Jasper, were virtually the same as in 1937, as the following summarised comparison shows:

	1937	1938
Receipts	\$3,324.94	\$3,264.80
Expenses (excluding depreciation)	2,643.57	2,612.63
Profit	\$ 681.37	\$ 652.17

Camp in the Columbia Icefield district, was also financially successful, the comparison with camp in the Upper Yoho in 1937, being:

	1937	1938
Gross Income	\$3,999.03	\$5,529.59
Expenses	3,241.08	4,803.05
Net Income (excluding depreciation)	\$ 757.95	\$ 726.54

Balance Sheet: I hold certificates as to the correctness of the bank balances shown. The amount due from C.N.R. was paid early in 1939.

Journals shown on hand are in accordance with quantities furnished by your Secretary-Treasurer, and, as will be seen, a very substantial reserve—in excess of 80% of value at which Journals are shown—is provided. Inventory of Camp Supplies was furnished by Major Tweedy.

Investments are carried at par value—a figure in excess of market value—except in the case of Dominion of Canada bonds, which are included at cost. \$600.00 worth of Dominion bonds were sold in 1938.

Fixed Assets: Depreciation Reserves in this respect now total \$13,187.34, equivalent to practically 40% of the original total value of all Fixed Assets, which, at the end of 1938, amounted to \$33,172.50. Leases, Licenses and evidences of title have been examined.

Club House Debentures: The liability in this respect is now down to \$392.21, and it is unlikely more than a very small portion of this will ever be paid, as communications asking the remaining owners to surrender their holdings, with one or two exceptions have met with no response.

Membership Reserve Funds: Plans B and C, will eventually become Club revenue, and Life Membership Reserve will also gradually be transferred to general revenue, as soon as the fund is considered adequate.

Subject to any reservations contained in the foregoing, I hereby certify the attached Balance Sheet (Exhibit "A") together with supporting schedules No. 1 to 3 inclusive, in my opinion, to be properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of affairs of the Alpine Club of Canada, as at 31st December, 1938, according to information and explanations accorded to me, and as shown by the club's books.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER T. READ,

of the firm of Read, Smith & Company,

Auditors.

Dated at Regina, this 18th day of May, 1939.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1938

Ass	ets				
Cash on hand				\$	7.50
Bank Accounts (net):					
Canadian Bank of Commerce— Calgary		\$ 1	1,522.91		
Canadian Bank of Commerce— Savings Account (Calgary) Canadian Bank of Commerce—		2	2,696.73		
Vancouver Trust			42.15		
Imperial Bank—Banff (Trust)			2.98		
Imperial Bank — Club House					
Account			948,52		
					5,213.29
C.N.R. re 1938 Camp					200.00
Stocks on Hand:					
Journals, as per Exhibit "F"	\$3.820.00				
Less Reserve					
Less Reserve					
G G1;		\$	454.50		
Camp Supplies		_	54.05		
T					508.55
Investments (for Reserve Funds):					
Government Securities, as per Schedule No. 1					3,235.49
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Fixed Assets, as per Schedule				\$ 5	9,164.83
No. 2		\$35	3,172.50		
Less Depreciation Reserves, as					
per Schedule No. 2		1:	3,187.34		
		_		10	9,985.16
Deferred Charges:				1.	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
Club House Insurance Unexpired		\$	229.88		
Huts Insurance Unexpired			35.39		
Office Insurance Unexpired			2.92		
1939 Camp — Preliminary Ex-					
penses			17.39		
		-			285.58
				00	
				\$2	9,435.57

Liabilities

THE PARTITION OF THE PA			
Membership Fees in advance (1939)	\$ 47.00		
Membership Fees for persons to be named by certain debenture holders (Plan "B")	36.63		
		\$	83.63
Account Payable—Baker-Nicholson Co. Ltd.			132.06
Club House Debentures:			
Principal	\$ 224.77		
Interest	167.44		
			392,21
Reserve Funds:			002.21
Life Memberships	\$ 1,540.82		
Seaver Bequest	148.70		
Cross Bequest	1,085.17		
Hut Fund (general)—see Schedule No. 3	387.10		
Hut Fund (general)—Stanley Mitchell	2,457.12		
Endowment Fund for Membership Fees			
(Plan "C")	96.75		
Journal (Vol. 26)	1.66		
	i di seriesa di series		5,717.32
VI. 200 . M. 1909 per a Lar. "Or didined mor)		\$	6,325.22
Surplus Account, as per Exhibit "E"		2	3,110.35
		\$2	9,435.57
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GENERAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1938

Income

Dec. 31st, 1938

Ву	Members' Fees Received:				
	1936	\$	52.50	*	
	1937		322.50		
	1938		2,347.00		
		\$	2,722.00		
	Entrance Fees		180.00		
		-	A Chapita	\$	2,902.00
	Debenture Donation-Mrs. McIntyre				10.60
	Sundries				4.50
	Interest on Investment—general fund proportion				30.19
				\$	2,947.29
	Profit on Club House Operations (excluding depreciation charges) transferred from Exhibit "C"				652.17
	Profit on Camp (excluding deprec-				
	iation charges) transferred from Exhibit "D"				726.54
				\$	4,326.00
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Expenses

Dec. 31st, 1938			
To Salary—W. R. Tweedy		\$1,645.00	
Printing and Stationery		143.00	
Gazette		254.35	
Telephone		42.56	
Postage and Excise Stamps			
and Telegrams		99.08	
Freight, Express and Cartage		33.90	
Miscellaneous		50.94	
Travelling Expenses and Club			
House Account (W. R.		104.45	
Tweedy)		104.45	
Interest and Exchange (net) Cost of Journal (Vol. 25)—		4.73	
incl. sales tax and mailing	\$1,330.60		
Less Donation (\$200.00), ad-	φ1,000.00		
vertising, Sales and Stock	442.91		
		887.69	
Photographic Section		21.28	
Journal—Free Issues		42.00	
			\$3,328.98
Net Income for 1938 be-			
fore charging depreciation			\$ 997.02
Depreciation Charges:			
Club House Buildings and		-	
Furnishings (various		44 000 05	
rates)		\$1,208.35	
Club House Improvements @ 20% per annum		170.65	
Climbing Huts and Furnish-		170.00	
ings (various rates)		279.04	
Camp Equipment @ 15%		aligners of	
per annum		288.76	
Office Furniture, etc., @			
10% per annum		25.00	
			1,971.80
			1,011.00
By Balance, Net Loss, carried			
to Surplus Account, Exhibit			\$ 974.78
"E"			Ф 914.18

CLUB HOUSE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1938

Income

Dec. 31st, 1938				
By Members and Guests (receipts) During season Out of season		\$3	34.75	
Canteen SalesLess Purchases		\$	50.70 39.63	\$3,238.73
Donation				11.07 15.00
				\$3,264.80
To Wages Provisions Insurance Fuel School Taxes Light, Water, Telephone and Telegrams Postage Rocky Mountain Tours—Expense Less Receipts from guests Repairs and Replacements Printing and Stationery Laundry Less Receipts from guests	\$192.95 192.50 \$114.92 49.37	\$	965.85 822.74 287.38 71.75 79.92 52.30 15.48 .45 158.27 51.96	
Miscellaneous Express Exchange Balance, Net Profit, before providing for Depreciation, transferred to Exhibit "B"			65.55 29.46 8.75 2.77	\$2,612.63 \$ 652.17

CAMP OPERATING ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1938 (Columbia Icefield)

Income

THEOR	i.e				
Dec. 31st, 1938 By Members and Guests (including advances repaid) Registration Fees Profit on Sundry Supplies C.N.R. donation		6	65.73 06.00 57.86 00.00	\$5	,529.59
Expens	ses				
To Printing and Stationery Telephone and Telegrams Postage Travelling and Hotels Miscellaneous	, cost svice , par cake	•	50.94 7.90 14.05 90.15 58.26		
Freight and Express Bonuses to Guides and help Miscellaneous Supplies		1	70.40 51.00 45.78		
Ralph Rink—Contractor: Members Meals Members Horses Members High Camp	\$3,570.00 48.95 63.0 0	1 31.7			
Members Miscellaneous Charges Staff Meals and Horses Help Fund Exchange	47.70 384.55 190.87 9.50				
		4,3	14.57		
		10.0	se ba	\$4	803.05
Balance, Profit, (before charging Depreciation) carried to Exhibit "B"				\$	726.54

SURPLUS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1938

Jan. 1st, 1938 By Balance at this date	Dr.	Cr. \$24,175.52
Dec. 31st, 1938 To Loss on Dominion of Canada Bonds sold (over book value)	\$ 7.64	
Balance of fees prior to 1936 written off	82.75	
Net Loss for 1938, transferred from Exhibit "B"	974.78	
00.002	\$ 1,065.17	
Balance, as per Balance Sheet, Exhibit "A"	23,110.35	
	\$24,175.52	\$24,175.52

Exhibit "F"

JOURNALS STOCK ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1938

Jan. 1st, 1938 To Journals on Hand		Dr. \$3,768.00	Cr.
Dec. 31st, 1938 By Sales			\$ 4.00
Free Issues			42.00
To 98 Copies, Volume 25 (1938) taken into stock		\$ 98.00	
By Balance on Hand:			
30 bound sets	\$1,500.00		
3,615 copies—various issues	2,320.00		
	n) carried		3,820.00
		\$3,866.00	\$3,866.00
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Schedule No. 1

SECURITIES ON HAND AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1938

Dominion of Canada Bonds:

\$1,000.00, 4½%, due 1st Nov. 1959, cost price \$1,135.49 \$ 100.00, 4½%, due 1st Sept. 1940, par value 100.00

\$1,235.49

Province of Saskatchewan Bonds:

\$1,000.00, 6%, due 15th March 1952, par value \$1,000.00 \$1,000.00, 6%, due 15th March 1952, par value 1,000.00

\$2,000.00

Total as per Balance Sheet, Exhibit "A"

\$3,235.49

FIXED ASSETS AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1938

lub House Buildings and Furnishingsess Reserve for Depreciation		24,392.22 9,203.49	
CONTRACTOR STATE			\$15,188.73
Club House Improvements	\$	853.24	
Less Amount written off at 20% per annum		518.50	
			334.74
Climbing Huts, Buildings and Furnishings	\$	4,005.46	
Less Reserve for Depreciation		2,180.19	
			1,825.27
Lots, Leases and Licenses			504.00
Club Library (at Banff)			1,104.74
Camp Equipment	\$	1,925.13	
Less Reserve for Depreciation		1,135.16	
		ing as to	789.97
Office Furniture and Equipment	\$	250.00	
Less Reserve for Depreciation		150.00	
			100.00
Memorial Hut—1939 Ski Camp			137.71
Total as per Balance Sheet, Exhibit "A"			\$19,985.16

Schedule No. 3

HUT FUNDS AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1938

		Debit	(Credit
Elizabeth Parker Cabin			\$	403.97
Fay Hut	\$	38.81		
Memorial Hut		13.45		
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				52.26
			\$	351.71
Unexpired Insurance				35.39
Total as per Balance Sheet, Exhibit "A"			\$	387.10
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